29. (Amended) The underwater immersion block according to claim 27, wherein the granular additive comprises an oxidized iron-

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- **35.** (Amended) The underwater immersion block according to claim 18, wherein the underwater immersion block has a porosity of about 10 to 70%.
- 42. (Amended) The method of producing the underwater immersion block according to claim 41, wherein the granular additive comprises oxidized iron.

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43. (Amended) The method of producing the underwater immersion block according to claim 41, wherein the granular additive comprises an oxidized iron-containing material.



- 53. (Amended) The method of producing the underwater immersion block according to claim 52, wherein the carbon dioxide comprises carbon dioxide which is blown into water to saturate the water.
- 55. (Amended) The method of producing the underwater immersion block according to claim 19, further comprising breaking the resultant agglomerated mixture from step (c) into sizes of 80 to 1500 mm.